IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A method for managing the recording capacity of a recording device when scheduling the recording of an item, independently of user involvement, comprising:

- receiving (104) data representing a plurality of recording modes of the recording device;

- for each recording mode, calculating (108) the capacity required to record the item using said mode;

- obtaining (112) the unreserved recording capacity of the recording device;

- identifying (114) recording modes for which the calculated capacity is less than the unreserved recording capacity; and

- where one or more recording modes are identified,

    o selecting (122) an identified recording mode based on a preference; and

    o where an identified recording mode is selected, scheduling (128) the recording of the item using the selected recording mode.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

• adapting (120) at least one reserved item and repeating the
  method commencing with the obtaining step.

3. (original) A method for managing the recording capacity
of a recording device when recording an item, independently of user
involvement, comprising:

- receiving (154) data representing a plurality of recording
  modes of the recording device;

- selecting (160) a recording mode based on a preference;

- commencing (162) the recording of the item using the selected
  recording mode; and

- while recording the item:

  o obtaining (166) the unreserved recording capacity; and

  o where the unreserved recording capacity is less than a
    pre-determined amount, adapting (170) at least one
    reserved item.

4. (original) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the
pre-determined amount corresponds to the recording capacity needed
for the item using the selected recording mode.

5.   (original)   A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the pre-determined amount corresponds to 1 minute of recording time using the selected recording mode.

6.   (original)   A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the pre-determined amount corresponds to 15 minutes of recording time using the selected recording mode.

7.   (original)   A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the pre-determined amount corresponds to 60 minutes of recording time using the selected recording mode.

8.   (currently amended)   A method as claimed in ~~any of claims 3 to 7~~claim 3, wherein the at least one reserved item comprises the item presently being recorded and adapting said item comprises:

- selecting an alternative recording mode based on the preference; and
- continuing the recording of the item using the selected alternative recording mode.

9.   (currently amended)   A method as claimed in ~~any of claims 2 to 7~~claim 2, wherein the at least one reserved item comprises an item previously recorded and adapting said item comprises:

- selecting an alternative recording mode based on the preference; and

- re-recording the item using the selected alternative recording mode.

10. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any of claims 2 to 7~~claim 2, wherein the at least one reserved item comprises a pending item and adapting said item comprises:
- selecting an alternative recording mode based on the preference.

11. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any of claims 2 to 7~~claim 2, wherein adapting the at least one reserved item comprises:
- deleting the reserved item based on the preference.

12. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein prior to the step of selecting the method further comprises receiving the preference.

13. (original) A system for managing the recording capacity of a recording device, independently of user involvement, the system comprising:

- a processing means (201) operable, when scheduling the recording of an item, to:

  o receive data representing a plurality of recording modes of the recording device;

  o obtain the unreserved recording capacity of the recording device;

  o for each recording mode, calculate the capacity required to record the item using said mode;

  o identify recording modes for which the calculated capacity is less than the unreserved recording capacity;

  o where one or more recording modes are identified, select an identified recording mode based on a preference; and

  o schedule the recording of the item using the selected recording mode;

  and, when recording an item to:

  o receive data representing a plurality of recording modes of the recording device;

  o select a recording mode to record an item based on a preference;

  o commence the recording of the item using the selected recording mode; and

  o while recording the item:

    ▪ obtain the unreserved recording capacity; and

- where the unreserved recording capacity is less than a pre-determined amount, adapt at least one reserved item;
- an interface (210) operable to exchange data between the processing means and the recording device; and
- a recording device (208) operable to co-operate with the processing means.

14. (original) A system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the recording device is operable to send data representing the plurality of recording modes.

15. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 13 ~~or 14~~, wherein the processing means is operable to receive the preference.

16. (original) A system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the preference is received from a user interface.

17. (original) A system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the preference is received from a network.

18.   (currently amended)   A system as claimed in ~~any of claims 13 to 17~~claim 13, wherein the interface comprises Project 50 messages conveyed over Scart.

19.   (currently amended)   A system as claimed in ~~any of claims 13 to 17~~claim 13, wherein the interface comprises CEC messages conveyed over HDMI.

Claims 20-23 - (canceled)